



KSC Countdown

Tuesday, September 28, 1999

Shuttle Update: Shuttle managers have given priority to launching mission STS-103, the Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Mission 3A, as the next Shuttle flight. The planned wiring work on Discovery has progressed more quickly than the Endeavour due to easier access, making the launch of STS-103 the more likely choice. Launch is now planned no earlier than Nov. 19, although the target date will continue to be assessed as wiring inspection and repairs are pursued. Atlantis is the next vehicle to undergo wire inspections. It was moved from the VAB to OPF bay 2 on Friday.

ASCANs at KSC: The 1998 class of astronaut candidates (referred to as ASCANs) is at KSC this week for training. It's the first visit for some of them. Among the week's activities are fire training and a flight awareness program, plus touring the Apollo/Saturn V Visitors Facility, the OPF, SSME Processing Facility, VAB, SSPF, launch pad, SLF and the crew head-quarters.

15th Annual Meet Your Directors Luncheon -- The Hispanic Employment Working Group (HEPWG) is hosting a luncheon on Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the Lunch Pad, KSC Visitors Complex. The program will feature a guest speaker, a Spanish menu, and Spanish songs performed by local talent. Tickets are \$10 per person and available from the following ticket coordinators: Eduardo Lopez de Castillo, HQ/3384, 7-6379; Ken Aguilar, HQ/2321A, 7-2307; Suzanne Cunningham, HQ/2506, 7-7089; Rey Diaz, O&C/ 3010, 7-6388; Rosaly Santos-Ebaugh, O&C/3055, 7-4121; Joe Tellado (Lead Coordinator), SSPF/3094G, 7-6064; Heri Soto, SSPF/3034G, 7-6187; Frank Izquierdo, OSB/6401K, 1-3803; Oscar Gamboa, Visitor Complex, 7-7366. If you have any questions, please contact Rey Diaz, HEPWG co-chair, or any of the other ticket coordinators.

A call for technical paper abstracts: Sponsored by the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, the 37th Space Congress invites individuals to submit a 200-word abstract **no later than Oct. 15** to Michael F. Sumner via e-mail at *michael.sumner-1@ksc.nasa.gov*. **E-mailed abstracts are preferred.** The list of subjects can be found at the Web site <http://www.SpaceCongress.org>. This Congress is a gathering of a significant portion of the world's aerospace community to discuss the status and future of space activities around the world. The theme for this year's Congress is "Space Means Business In The 21st Century." The Space

Congress will be held in Cape Canaveral on May 1-5, 2000.

Did You Know? The Disability Awareness and Action Working Group (DAAWG) has planned a two-day Technology Fair in conjunction with National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 20 in Headquarters lobby and Oct. 21 in the OSB lobby.